

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Question does not arise.

Investors Protection Commission

6996. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a proposal from Consumers Education and Research Centre (CERC) to set up an investors' protection commission.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have considered the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The Government have received a proposal from Consumers Education and Research Centre (CERC) to set up an Investors' Protection Corporation with the responsibility augmenting and managing investor protection.

(c) and (d). The Government have examined the proposal and consider the setting up of a Corporation unnecessary in view of the statutory provisions for investor protection incorporated in the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.

Upliftment of SCs/STs and Backward Classes

6997. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for upliftment of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in Andhra Pradesh with

World Bank Assistance is pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Government of Andhra Pradesh have evolved a project profile 'Andhra Pradesh Poverty Alleviation Project', primarily intended to benefit Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in Andhra Pradesh, for possible World Bank support. The project includes investments in agriculture and related sectors, irrigation, forestry, horticulture, sericulture, fisheries, education, women and child development, health etc sectors.

Further project processing including size and scope of the project, suitability, timing and extent of World Bank assistance would depend on mandatory clearances from the concerned administrative ministries from technical, feasibility angle and the Planning Commission from resource angle, detailed project preparation and donor preference and availability of committable funds with donor agency.

12.00 hrs.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman & Nicobar Islands): Mr. Speaker Sir, today a very startling news item has appeared in the Hindustan Times in which it has been said that Delhi is going to be hit by a grave crisis.....(*Interruptions*).....of drinking water. The report says that in the coming times, the crisis shall be so acute that rationing of water will have to be made in Delhi. Delhi is the capital of the country. If the problem will be so acute in Delhi, then one can imagine the intensity of the crisis all over the country during summer? Through you, I